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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Rom L. Billiet et al.

Title: **ULTRASMALL SEMICONDUCTOR BONDING TOOLS
AND METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREOF**

Appl. No.: 10/082,867

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed on September 29, 2003. Applicants hereby elect Species "a" for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-7 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.